

A GROUP OF MACAUBA PALMS NEAR SAO JOAO D'EL REY. (Acrocomia intumescens?)

This beautiful palm is one of the features of the landscape in the interior of Minas Geraes. Its trunk is armed with long black spines. The leaves are of a glaucous green color, graceful and attractive in appearance, and seem to resist a great deal of thrashing about by the wind. In this photograph a small group is seen growing on a hillside overlooking the city of Sao Joao d'El Rey, at an altitude of more than 800 meters. The species is found at considerably greater altitudes than this, which leads to the belief that it may be hardy enough to succeed in California and Florida. Photo No. 1538 by Brazilian Expedition, taken at Sao Joao d'El Rey, Minas Geraes, Brazil, Jan. 27, 1914.